PROJECT TITLE : RECONSTITUTED TOBACCO

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From May 4 till May 15 we had a shut-down period in the Monique/RCB process. This time was necessary in order to carry out important modifications. Normal maintenance was also done during this time.

Rubber Roll

The rubber roll, supplied by Huber & Suhner, was replaced with a new one from the same company. We are very satisfied with this new supplier. The lifetime of one roll is longer, we have no stripes in the sheet and the price is cheaper.

Steel Belt

The belt became deformed again. Sandvik informed us that a third reflattening operation is not advisable. Due to this, the steel belt was replaced by a spare of the same type : Sandvik 12 R 11. The bronze belt supports were also changed.

After Dryer

A new dryer belt was installed. As this belt is driven by two chains on each side, some modifications on the driving rolls were necessary. With this new driving system, the lifetime of the belt should be longer.

Oven Insulation

The old oven insulation was taken away and new, more efficient insulation doors were installed. The heat loss should now be reduced and, in addition, it is easier to open the oven to check the inside.

Ventilation System

A new fan, with suction channels in the slurry mixer area, was installed. This installation is necessary due to the high ammonia content of the ambient air. This fan should also reduce the ambient air temperature during summer time.

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Product Utilization

The current utilization of Monique/RCB sheet is 5% in Marlboro.
Neither Trial MLF 805 with 6.7% nor MLF 806 with 8.7% were accepted by panel A (1).
Trial Ambassador MAA 995 with 1.7% was also refused by panel A (2).

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